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For the Senate State Administration Committee

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Following: line 22**Insert:** "COORDINATION SECTION. **Section 63. Coordination instruction.** If Senate Bill No. 408 is passed by the legislature and approved by the electorate and if it contains a section amending 5-2-402, then [section 1 of this act] must read as follows:**"Section 1.** Section 5-2-402, MCA, is amended to read:**"5-2-402. Appointment by board of county commissioners -- county central committee role -- timeframes.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (5) or as otherwise provided by law, whenever a vacancy occurs in the legislature, the vacancy must be filled by appointment by the board of county commissioners or, in the event of a multicounty district, the boards of county commissioners of the counties comprising the district sitting as one appointing board.

(2) (a) Whenever a vacancy is within a single county, the board of county commissioners shall make the appointment as described in 5-2-403, 5-2-404, or 5-2-406.

(b) Whenever a vacancy is within a multicounty district, the boards of county commissioners shall sit as one appointing board. The selection of an individual to fill the vacancy must be as follows:

(i) The presiding officer of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the person resided whose vacancy is to be filled shall call a meeting for the purpose of appointing the member of the legislature and shall preside at the meeting.

(ii) Each commissioner's vote is determined by the following formula: 100 multiplied by (A divided by B) multiplied by (1 divided by C), where:

(A) A is the total votes cast in the respective county for the person vacating the legislative seat or, if the vacating person was not elected, the votes cast for the last person to be elected for the current term;

(B) B is the total votes cast for that person in the legislative district; and

(C) C is the number of authorized commissioners on the board of the commissioner whose vote is being determined.

(iii) The person selected to fill the vacancy is the one who receives the highest number above 50 that results from the calculation in subsection (2)(b)(ii). If none of the candidates

receives a number higher than 50 from that calculation, the selection board shall cast its votes again in the same manner for the persons receiving the two highest numbers. If neither vote results in a candidate receiving a number higher than 50 from the calculation provided in subsection (2)(b)(ii), then 5-2-404 applies.

(c) If a vacancy occurs in a holdover senate seat after holdover senators have been assigned to new districts under each reapportionment, the formula in subsection (2)(b)(ii) must be applied using the votes cast for the senatorial candidates at the last election in which votes were cast for a senate candidate. Only the number of votes cast by electors residing in the new senate district ~~for senate candidates of the party to which the person vacating the seat belonged~~ may be counted. The secretary of state shall provide an estimate of the number of votes cast ~~for each party~~ by county or portion of a county. The selection process is the same as provided in subsection (2)(b)(iii).

(3) The appointment process to fill a vacant legislative seat under this section is as follows:

(a) Within 7 days of being notified of a vacancy as described in 2-16-501, the secretary of state shall notify the board of county commissioners. and If the vacating legislator marked a party preference on the legislator's most recent declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary of state or election administrator, the secretary of state shall notify the relevant state party that is responsible for notifying the county central committee of the county where the vacating legislator is a resident, if the legislative seat is within one county, or the boards of county commissioners and the corresponding county central committees if the legislative seat is in a multicounty district. If the legislator is an did not mark a party preference, marked "independent", or marked a party preference for a party that does not have a county central committee as the party preference on the legislator's most recent declaration of candidacy filed with the secretary of state or election administrator, independent or belongs to a party for which there is no county central committee, the notification of county commissioners suffices.

(b) The county central committee or committees, upon receipt of notification of a vacancy, have 45 days to propose a list of prospective appointees, pursuant to 5-2-403(1). The county central committee or the county central committees, acting together, shall forward the list of names to the appointing board within the 45-day period.

(c) The appointing board shall make and confirm an appointment and notify the secretary of state within 15 days:

(i) after receiving the list of prospective appointees from the county central committee or committees;

(ii) after 45 days have expired after the notification of vacancy if the county central committee or committees have not provided a list of prospective appointees; or

(iii) after notification of a vacancy if the legislator vacating the seat is an independent.

(4) If the legislature is in session, the notification process in subsection (3)(a) must be followed within 5 days. The process described in subsection (3)(b) must take place in 5 days. The process described in subsection (3)(c) must take place in 5 days.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (6), if a vacancy occurs prior to a primary election, 13-10-326 applies. If a vacancy occurs after a primary and prior to a general election, 13-10-327 applies.

(6) If the legislature is called into special session within 85 days of a general election, a person must be appointed to fill a legislative vacancy pursuant to subsections (1) through (4).""

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 64. Coordination instruction. If Senate Bill No. 408 is passed by the legislature and approved by the electorate:

(1) the reference in [this act] to "declaration for nomination" in [section 13(4)] must be changed to "declaration of candidacy"; and

(2) the reference in [this act] to "declarations for nomination" in [section 43(2)] must be changed to "declarations of candidacy"."

"COORDINATION SECTION. Section 65. Coordination instruction. If both House Bill No. 126 and [this act] are passed and approved and if both contain sections amending 13-10-209, then the sections amending 13-10-209 are void and 13-10-209 must be amended as follows:

"13-10-209. Arrangement and preparing of primary ballots.

(1) (a) Ballots for a primary election must be arranged and prepared in the same manner and number as provided in chapter 12 for general election ballots, except that there must be separate ballots for each political party entitled to participate. The name of the political party must appear at the top of the separate ballot for that party and need not appear ~~opposite~~ with each candidate's name.

(b) Nonpartisan offices and ballot issues may be prepared on separate ballots or may appear on the same ballot as partisan offices if:

(i) each section is clearly identified as separate; and

(ii) the nonpartisan offices and ballot issues appear on each party's ballot; and

(iii) ~~with respect to ballot issues, written approval is obtained as provided in~~ ballot issues are prepared in accordance with 13-27-502.

(2) ~~An~~ Except as provided in subsection (3), an election administrator does not need to prepare a primary ballot for a political party if:

(a) the party does not have candidates for more than half of the offices to appear on the ballot; ~~or~~ and

(b) no more than one candidate files for nomination by that party for any of the offices to appear on the ballot.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to elections for precinct committee offices. If more than one candidate files for a precinct committee office from a party that will not have a primary ballot prepared, that party shall select the candidate to fill the office.

~~(3)~~(4) If, pursuant to subsection (2), in a primary election held under 13-1-107(1) a primary ballot for a political party is not prepared, the secretary of state shall certify that a primary election is unnecessary for that party and shall instruct the election administrator to certify the names of the candidates for that party for the general election ballot only.

~~(4)~~(5) The separate ballots for each party must have the same appearance. Each set of party ballots must bear the same number. If prepared as a separate ballot, the nonpartisan ballot may have a different appearance than the party ballots but must be numbered in the same order as the party ballots.

~~(5)~~(6) If a ballot issue is to be voted on at a primary election, it may be placed on the nonpartisan ballot or a separate ballot. A separate ballot may have a different appearance than the other ballots in the election but must be numbered in the same order.

~~(6)~~(7) Each elector must receive a set of ballots that includes the party, nonpartisan, and ballot issue choices."

Insert: "COORDINATION SECTION. Section 66. Coordination instruction. If either House Bill No. 30 or Senate Bill No. 405, or both, and [this act] are passed and approved, then [section 12 of this act] amending 13-2-304 is void."

Renumber: subsequent section

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